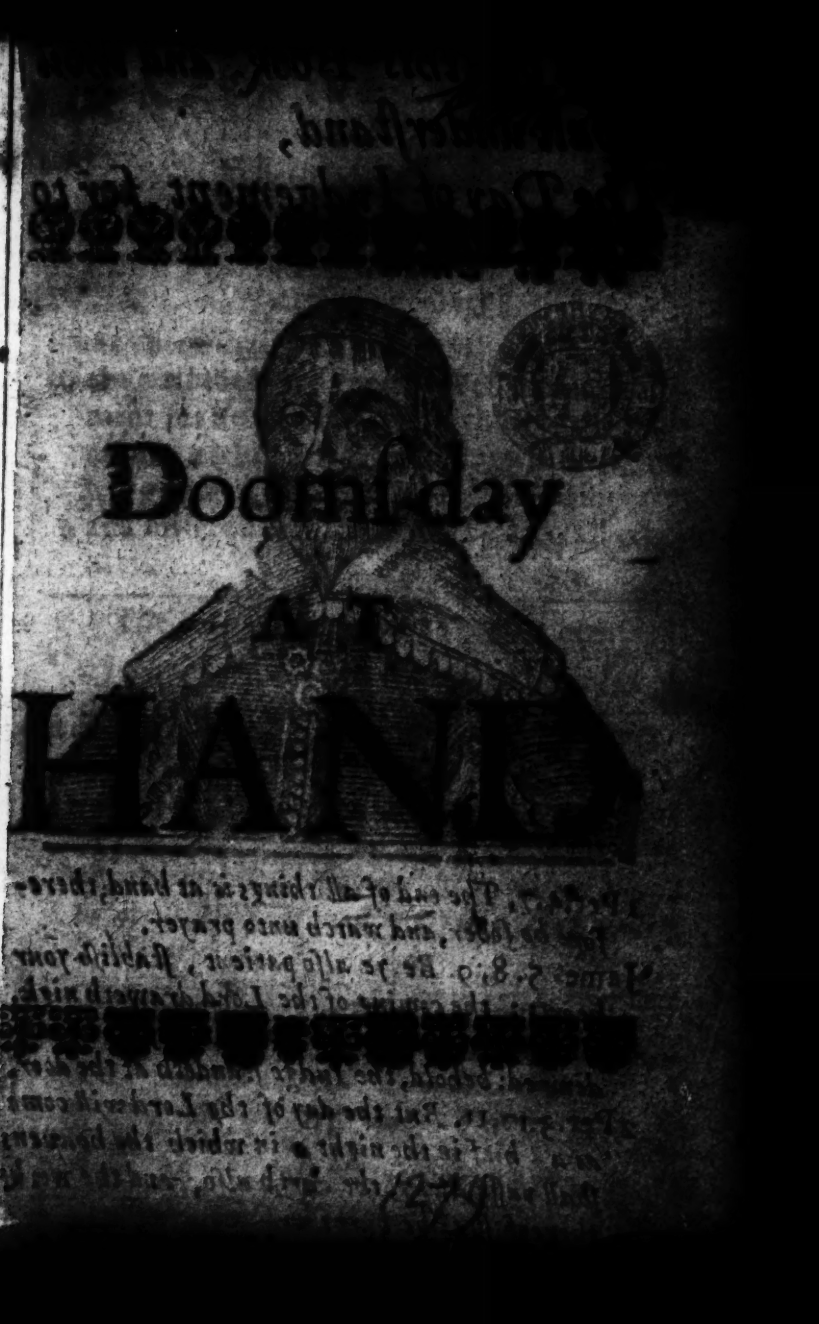
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The Royal Judgement for to

1 Pet. 4. 7. The end of all things is at hand; there-
fore be sober, and watch unto prayer.
James 5. 8, 9. Be ye also patient, stablish your
hearts: the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.
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The great Day of [illegible]

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Wherein is declared,

That there shall be an end of this world, and
all men shall appear before the Judg-
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Matt. 24. 29, &c. *Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the Sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory: when ye see these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.*

As the days of Noah were, so shall the coming of the Son of man be: For in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying, and giving in marriage, and they knew not till the flood came and took them all away: so shall the coming of the Son of man be.

Watch therefore: for ye know not in what hour the Lord cometh, therefore be ready, for in such an hour as ye know not, the Son of man cometh: and blessed is that servant, whom the Lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

CErtain it is that there shall be a day of Judgment, wherein all mankind shall be judged, and the earth and all therein shall be destroyed by fire; which truth is believed by all but the Epicures, and Atheistical Infidels, of whom this age is full, who think there is no retribution: how few are they who prepare themselves for this great day, and make themselves ready to meet the Lord at his coming.

The Bridegroom is coming, and yet most men with the foolish Virgins, have not prepared their Lamps. Our Saviour Jesus Christ in the 24 of Matthew, having at large shewed the signs of his coming to Judgement, and how he is glistring his coming sheweringes, that thereby we might be forewarned. In the 25 Chapter he sets us how unprepared many should be against his coming: and his caution to us, he sets down in the event of their unpreparedness. Christ in the foregoing Chapter, bids them watch and pray but there as you may see in the 5. verse, all slumbered and slept. And at midnight was a great cry made, when they were all asleep, then came the Bridegroom suddenly, as a thief in the night, and when they should have been ready to have received him, they were to seek for Oyl. And so not being ready, the door was shut against them, and though they cryed Lord Lord open to us, yet the Lord said unto them, I know you not, v. 13. watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

Now mind the day draweth nigh, the Bridegroom is at the door, James 5. 9. he is at hand, he is not therefore one far away from us the Lord is yet a little while and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. Let us be prepared and in a readiness, let

[illegible] be taken unawares, as the foolish Virgins were, and so be shut out of heaven for ever.

God hath appointed a day wherein he will judge the world, and how long this day must be the world knows not, perhaps longer than we aware of: it may be it will not this year, nor next. Although we know not certainly the time when this great day will be, yet we may see it cannot be far off, if we look but into the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament. St. Paul saith, 1 Cor. 10. 11. We are they upon whom the ends of the world are come. If therefore the ends of the world were come upon them who lived fifteen hundred years ago, then certainly the day of judgment cannot be far off. Zeph. 1. 14. The great day of the Lord is near, it hasteth greatly.

And Mat. 3. 2. John the Baptist preacheth Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. S. Augustine saith, the world shall last 6000 years. The first from Adam to Noah, the second from Noah to Abraham, the third from Abraham to David, the fourth from David to the Captivity, the fifth from thence until the coming of Christ in the flesh, and the sixth from Christs coming in the flesh, until the last coming to Judgement: so that now we live in the last age. O that men were wise, that they would think of this day, whether I err or [illegible]

[illegible] or whatsoever I do, methinks I hear this saying sounding in mine ear, arise you dead and come to judgement. John the Baptist he was the fore-runner of Christ, & we all know it was not long after his coming that Christ himself came; & now the fore-runners of the day of judgement are already come, & the great fall will suddenly follow: when once the Servants are come, the Masters will not be long: God hath foretold us, that before his coming to judgement, such and such things should come to pass, and we have seen these things come to pass, therefore let us be ready.

In Matthew 24 the Disciples asked Christ, What should be the sign of his coming, & of the end of the world. And Christ answer'd them saying, Take heed, let no man deceive you, for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ, and shall deceive many, ver. 5. & ver. 24. There shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, & shall shew great signs and wonders. And hath not this been fulfilled in our days? It is terrible to think how impiously, blasphemously, & cruelly many wretched creatures have abused the Lord Jesus Christ, some affirming themselves to be the virgin Mary, & the Lord Jesus Christ herself. [illegible]

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[illegible] sign of the end of the world
at hand, is expressed, Mat. 24. 7. There shall
be wars and rumours of wars, Nation against
Nation, and Kingdom against Kingdom:
What ever unnatural, bloody war have there
been since one Nation against Nation, and
one Kingdom against Kingdom, but Brother against
Brother? yea, the Father hath killed his own
Son, and the Son hath killed his own Father,
even as Christ foretold, Mat. 10. The bro-
ther shall betray the brother to death, & the
Father the Son, and the children shall rise
up against their Parents, and cause them to be
put to death, and many shall be offended, and
shall betray one another, & hate one another,
saith Christ. When ever was there more
treason and treachery then now? Can any age
of the world shew the like for cruelty and mal-
lice? will not one brother betray another for
gain? Behold these things daily do it: This is
but this is a sign of the end of the world, and
because iniquity shall abound, saith Christ, the
love of many shall wax cold. When did sin
much abound as now? When ever was there
more Sabbath breaking, drunkenness, swear-
ing, and cursing, and all manner
of abominable evils then now? yea, even the
little ones are skilful to sin before they are
skilful to go; young children great sinners:

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drinking, marrying and giuen in marriage: following after their lasciuious appetites and sinfull pleasures, and in that condition the flood came and took them all away, so shall the coming of the Son of man be. And will you eat and drink, and follow the lusting of your owne lusts, saying within themselues as the rich fool. Let us eat and drink, and take our fill of pleasure, for to morrow shall be as this day, and much more abundant; these pleasures shall continue for ever. Whereas they should say, Let us watch & pray for to morrow we may die; for it is apointed for all men once to die, and then cometh judgment. Solomon saith, Rejoyce O young man, & let thy heart cheer thee, but know for all this thou must come to Iudgement. And seeing (as Christ saith) we have seen all these things come to pass, let us know that this day is near, even at the dore. The Niniuits because they would take and learning the flood come & drowne them all, they had 120 y. to repent in, & yet would not hearken. Nineve had but 40 days yet they repented. Israel had 40 y. time to repent in. But who knows how long time we shall have to repent, we have had long time already, hundreds of yeares, but we are still a stiff necked and disobedient people.

S. paul tels us, 1 Tim. 4. in the last dayes there should be a departing from the faith, & giving

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heed in seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils: And 2 Tim. 3. 1. In the last days perilous times should come, men should be lovers of themselves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, &c. Then certainly we are those upon whom the ends of the world is come; for how those things have been fulfilled, is very dreadful to consider. The prophet Zephaniah 1. 14. saith, The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, it hasteth greatly. And verse 15. he tells us, It is a day of wrath and distress, a day of desolation, a day of darkness, and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness.

The day of judgement, although it shall be a day of joy and rejoycing to the godly, it shall be a day of woe to the wicked: for who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall be able to stand when he appeareth? Malac. 3. Then wicked men shall cry to the mountains to fall upon them, & hide them from the wrath of God, for in that day, the wicked & all the people that forget God, shall be thrown into hell, there to abide for ever, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire, as Jude saith, that day shall [illegible] and the wicked shall be as stubble, saith the Lord, Mal. 4. 1. But to those that fear his name shall the Son of Righteousness arise with healing in his wings, that shine upon the just, and receive them into the

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Kingdom of heaven, where are joys unspeakable and full of glory.

And now having shewed you the certainty of this great day of Judgement, I have warned you of the near approach thereof. I will conclude with some few exhortations to all, to prepare ourselves for this great day.

As it is so then, that there is a day of judgement, and is that day at hand; then let every one get out, get Grace into the heart of his heart, and rouze himself up from the world, that whensoever the Lord cometh he may be ready. We should live every day, as if it were the last day we had to live; for if judgement tarries not, yet death will certainly come. We have no reason to lay ourselves down to sleep, whether we shall awake again. Many have been suddenly surprized by death, that they have been dead, ere they were aware of it. Although nothing is so certain as death, yet nothing so uncertain as the hour and time when death will come. The fool said in his heart, Soul take thy ease, eat, drink, and be merry, thou hast goods laid up for many years. But what saith God? Thou fool, this night shalt thy soul be required of thee, then whose shall those things be, that thou hast? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich towards God. He had provided that which could do him no good, certainly and he said this to his

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Sir you seek for eternity of my soul, God hath exceedingly blest me in this life with great riches and abundance, what shall I do can I lay up treasure for me for another life? this will I do, thus will I put it out, I will make a good use of them, I will not abuse them to fulfill my lust, but I will freely lend them to the Lord, I will relieve the poor, cloth the naked, and feed the hungry, for so doing I shall lay up a good treasure for eternal life. Certainly had he done this, he should have said unto him, well done thou good and faithful Servant, thou hast improved thy Masters Talent, enter into thy Masters joy: for certainly what we give to the poor we lend to the Lord, and he will repay us again seven fold for it at the last day, when all men shall be given to according to what they have done in the body, whether it be good, or whether it be evil: and then the poor man shall be as much respected before God, as the greatest Monarch of the Emperour of the whole world. Dives is no respecter of persons, that he will give treasure according to his wealth, however he be rich or poor, for we know all must appear before the Judgement seat of Christ, small and great, rich and poor, where we shall be made partakers of eternal happiness in heaven, or else sharers of eternal misery in hell.

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